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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO U.S. AUTO LABS BY MOT OFFICIALS

REF: STATE 115874

1. SUMMARY: BEFORE MAKING DECISION ABOUT VISIT TO U.S., GOJ OFFICIALS HAVE ASKED THAT WASHINGTON PROVIDE SUGGESTED ITINERARY. MOT HAS AGAIN EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT LINKAGE BETWEEN USG AND TESTING FACILITY. EMBASSY REQUESTS SUGGESTED ITINERARY SOONEST. END SUMMARY.

2. USING RATIONALE PROVIDED REFTEL, EMBOFF MET SEPARATELY WITH BOTH MOFA AND MOT OFFICIALS TO INVITE MOT PERSONNEL TO VISIT U.S. AUTO LAB TESTING FACILITIES BEFORE NEXT ROUND OF TECHNICAL TALKS WHICH WE INDICATED COULD TAKE PLACE IN TOKYO IN LATE JUNE. BOTH MOFA AND MOT OFFICIALS STATED IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, IN MAKING DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO VISIT BEFORE TALKS, IF WE COULD PROVIDE PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR VISIT, SPECIFICALLY FACILITIES AND LOCATIONS TO BE VISITED. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY, EMBOFF INDICATED VISIT WOULD LIKELY BE OF 7-10 DAYS DURATION.

3. MOT OFFICIALS RAISED TWO ADDITIONAL POINTS. THEY AGAIN EXPRESSED IMPORTANCE OF LINKAGE BETWEEN USG AND TESTING FACILITY;  
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WHATE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY DOES USG BEAR FOR TESTS DONE? WE EXPLAINED WE ARE PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE AND THAT THIS ISSUE WOULD BE EXPLORED AT TALKS, BUT MOT INDICATED THEY WANT SOME EXPLANATION OF RELATIONSHIP NOW. SAME OFFICIALS ALSO INDICATED CONCERN THAT TESTING WOULD BE DONE AT MANUFACTURERS' FACILITIES AND NOT AT INDEPENDENT OR USG FACILITY.

4. MOT OFFICIALS REQUESTED MORE TIME TO CONSIDER WHAT OTHER INFORMATION WOULD BE USEFUL IN DECIDING WHETHER TO MAKE TRIP; THEY PROMISED TO REPLY BY MAY 31.

5. COMMENT: IN ATTEMPT TO KEEP THINGS MOVING, EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT DEPARTMENT PROVIDE SUGGESTED ITINERARY SOONEST (BEFORE MAY 31 IF POSSIBLE). IN ORDER TO ADDRESS MOT CONCERNS CITED PARA 3, ITINERARY SHOULD IDEALLY INCLUDE ONE OR MORE TEST FACILITIES INDEPENDENT OF MANUFACTURERS. BRIEF EXPLANATION OF PRESENT LNKAGE BETWEEN USG AND TEST FACILITIES IN ITINERARY WOULD BE USEFUL. FULL RESPONSE ON THESE POINTS MIGHT STILL ENABLE US, WITH HELP OF MOFA, TO CONVINCE MOT OFFICIALS TO VISIT U.S. BEFORE TALKS. REGARDLESS OF GOJ DECISION ON TRIP, EMBASSY BELIEVES US OFFICIALS SHOULD PLAN ON TECHNICAL TALKS IN LATE JUNE.  
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